

Baking Powder Y PURE

Married.

city, May 27, Emily G. Trask of East, May 23, Charles V. Augusta, Pratt of Belfast; May 26, Pratt of Plymouth, Mass., to Miss Amy of Belfast.

Marie, May 8, Frank A. Herrick to M. C. G. of Brooklyn, N. Y., to Miss Minnie E. Hobbs of Harbor, May 20, Andrew Llewellyn to Miss Alice Higgins of Harbor, May 21, Harry Sweet to Miss Harvey, both of Bangor; May 22, to Miss Bertha E. Bush, both of Park, May 23, Harry P. Bradford to Mrs. L. L. Kenney, both of Knox.

Watson, both of Calais, T. Farris to Miss, May 23, Harry Leathers of Charlesburg, May 24, John A. Rafter to Miss Malmae L. Sampson of Hart-

Fairfield, May 16, Tyler Good to Miss Olive Boynton of Mars

burgh, May 15, Fred Dimmors of N. H., to Miss Josie Mansfield of Bangor, May 25, Fred Brown of Farmington, Ira H. Alderman of Park, Mass., May 25, Ira H. Alderman of Eastport, Me., to Miss Susan Weston, May 20, Rosece B. Dilling to the Dyer, both of Houston.

Smith, May 24, George F. Wither of Rockland, May 25, Mrs. F. Davis of Hattie C. French of Montpelier, Vt., to Miss Elizabeth Dike, both of New York, May 25, Dr. Joseph P. Linscott of Danforth, both of New York.

May 26, Harry Dunn to Miss Woodsum, both of Norway.

May 27, Ebenezer Tyler to Mrs. H. K. Kiser, both of Peru.

May 28, Wallace Mills to Miss Anna Klinans of Bar-

lin, May 23, Geo. W. Tracy of Miss Cornelia Blanchard of North

Ypsilanti, May 23, Rev. S. L. Pennell, Raymond to Miss Jeanette Hayes of Falls, May 16, Herbert Lewis of Miss Cornelia Taylor, both of Rum-

sey, June 1, by Rev. S. E. Leech, W. Walker of Augusta to Miss Blanche of Sidney.

May 18, Wallace Mills to Miss Anna Klinans of Bar-

lin, May 23, Harry S. Brooks of Saco to M. L. Hutchins of Kennebunkport.

May 20, Lorenzo E. Irish to W. H. Kiser, both of Peru.

May 21, Edwin Marston to

Maud Walker.

Died.

city, May 28, Jeremy Hyson, aged 56, had followed the occupation

of May 31, infant son of Mr. and

W. Daniels aged 5 months.

May 23, George Ward, aged 77

now 78, Edgar W. son of Frank

Hill, May 24, Warren C. Clay, aged

75, Capt. Bentley Barber of Isle of

Isle, Mo., master of schooner May

24 years. The remains were

buried at May 27, Mrs. Mary A., wife of Dr.

John, May 26, Danforth L. Clark, aged

10 months.

May 28, Sarah McKenney, aged

9 months.

May 30, Mary A. Waldron, aged

24 years.

May 31, Mrs. Margaret Phil-

lips, Rochester, N. Y. Of all the

late daughters of Exile of St.

Rambert, Rachel Spencer gave the great

loss of life—63 lbs. for one day,

and averaged for seven days 23 lbs., 3½ ozs. of butter.

She is a large

woman with an enormousudder, and great

width between her teats, prominent fore-

udder and remarkable milk veins; a

cow shaped animal, with a long, slim

neck. She had two full sisters that

made good butter records.

She is a

woman that attracts a great deal of atten-

tion, and in many respects is a remark-

able animal.



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Maine Farmer.

These plow ox; a gentle feeling of vigor and peace thou giv'st my heart; How solemn, like a monument, thou art! Over wide fertile fields thy calm gaze stealing.

Tale the yoke with grave contentment kneeling;

To quick work thou dost thy strength impart;

Thy shots and goads, and answering thy smart

Thou turnest on him with thy patient eyes appealing:

From thy broad nostrils, black and wet,

Arise thy breath's soft fumes; and on the still air swells

Like hymn thy lowing's mallow strain,

In the grave sweetness of the tranquil eyes

Ember, broad and still, reflected dwells

All the divine green silence of the plain."

The heaving should chiefly be done with horse power, but give only shallow cultivation—that is, kill the weeds.

Plant some late corn, or some corn for table use. Some of the late varieties we have found of poor quality, hence prefer to plant the best kinds late.

If it be true that a cow has an inbred

characteristic to produce milk of a cer-

tain quality under normal conditions,

then never had a cow under normal

conditions until she was fat enough to

kill for beef," says an old farmer of long

experience with cows, "for in buying

and fattening them I always found a

marked improvement in quality of milk

the cow began to lay on flesh."

In a dry autumn a witch grass sod can

be well subdued by plowing as soon as

the crop of grass growing upon it is har-

vested, and then working it at weekly

intervals thereafter in the manner as

given above, with summer fallow. But

it is only occasionally that the season

is so favorable as to insure complete

destruction to the grass. Another ad-

vantage also comes from this treatment,

that it puts the land in the best possible

preparation for a crop the next year.

The more the sod is disintegrated, and

worked up with the soil, the better the

crop. As a rule farmers would find it to

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tions can be entirely cleaned from witch grass in one season if left in fallow, provided it is dry enough to work at all times the work is called for. The roots of this grass are all near the surface. Plow the land so well as to cover the sod at the bottom of the furrow. Then with disc harrow, or some other implement doing equally effective work, harrow so frequently as to keep every starting spire of grass buried through the summer. As often as once a week will be required in the fore part of the year, but less frequently later.

The secret of it is, the roots cannot live unless the grass can grow, and this is prevented by keeping the spires buried under the soil. It is easy enough to see that this cannot be done with a growing crop in the soil. We have killed every root from a large field in this way. The time required depends much whether the season be wet or dry.

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FROM A CAR WINDOW.

The hay crop of Maine this year will be a comparatively light one. There is no mistaking this fact. The evidence of it is plainly visible provided one goes where it is.

On our own farm and on the rolling highlands in the round-about towns of Androscoggin county the indications are favorable for a fairly good

crop, and taking our cue from this we

had taken no stock in occasional reports

received from other parts of the State

of the discouraging outlook for the crop.

But one must go away from home in

order to see it all. A trip by rail through

a long reach of the leading hay producing

section of the State, together with the

indications from the farmers that

they are to be had in the best possible

condition, there is no mistaking this fact.

On looking over the columns of The Farm Journal for something else to try on them I found this: "It is said that if road dust or dry earth of any kind is strongly impregnated with kerosene and sprinkled freely on squash and melon plants, the bugs will not touch them."

In ten minutes after reading this pre-

scription I was in the patch adminis-

tering the remedy. At the very first

sprinkle the bugs vacated. They did

not crawl down to the ground and hide

in the ground, or drop off and feign death,

as they usually do when disturbed, but

took wing and got out of sight as though

they had important business elsewhere.

Only those who have been there and

have kept a losing fight with this

pest will appreciate the value of this

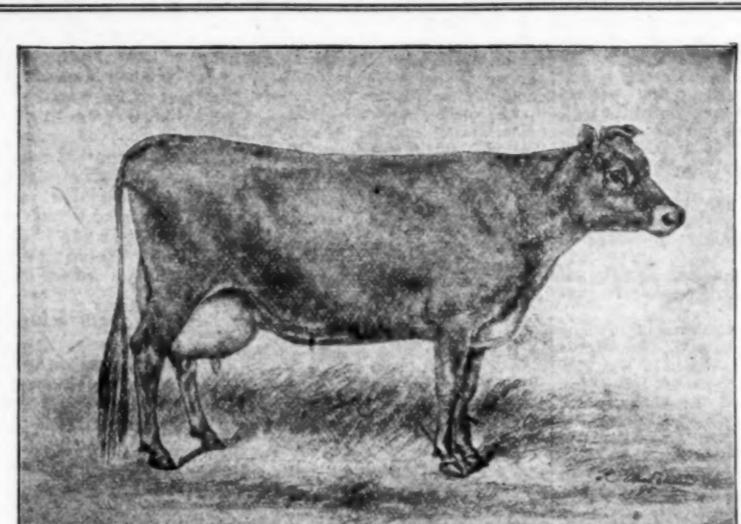
remedy. It is a simple and effective

method of getting rid of the bugs.

It is a simple remedy and easily tried:

I have just read Mr. Brown's article

on fighting insect enemies, and want to



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oil and carbolic acid, about 16 to 1, to keep away the flies. Drop a few drops on the head once a day. I have not noticed any horn flies yet, so the medicine is doing double duty. I shall continue its use until the fly makes its appearance, as it is cheap and safe."

R. A. Steele, Lawrence, Kan., says: "You ask for remedies to ward off the attacks of the horn fly. My practice has been to use carbolic acid, half oil and rancid grease, whale soap, etc. To a gallon of fish oil use one pint crystal candle, one pound beeswax, one pint fish oil. Boil until melted. Keep on hand, use a small amount in the evening.

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These exercises were brief and only intended as a hint to the importance of a knowledge of these matters in connection with all farm or horticultural work.

In closing, Dr. Harris, the President of the college, expressed his gratification at meeting so many of the citizens of the State on the occasion.

After the speaking the visitors departed for their homes, happy

Choice Miscellany.

SWEETHEART THE TRUE.

I dream I tread again a path
Which naught but living beauty hath,
By dark green bank of cooing stream,
All glorious in its flashing tints,
With blossoms of the cool shade
Of wavy branched, thick leaved arcos.
Its soft moss borders flower limmed
In flecking light by clouds ne'er dimmed—
A wondrous scene, but part unfur'd
The big sun fair, it can but seem
A fair, fair, fair, it can but seem
To pilgrimage in a deep, deep dream.
The vision when in life's young days
Enthusiasm aches a haze
By which a coat fair sought—
Upon whom some ambition sought—
A vision still to him who walks
Its farther end, past lifeless stalks.
The trav'ler who the best can tell
That in mire ideals dwell—
That for all buds that he has found
Abies of roses strew the ground.

These will find!

No—true
To cheer when every roseate hue
Has vanished in the gloomy gray,
And all the world is dead—
Sweetheart the true, the fairer grown—
Fairest that you are true alone.

—Womanized.

SHOOTING STARS.

Across the strings of memory
A sphyra breathes from out the past,
When youth believed the shooting stars
That night shone over the heavens cast.
They told him that the soul with
A star twas the crowning brand,
Were sure to fall—a wondrous gift.
Within faith's suppling heart.

How many dreams of love and wealth—
How many hopes of name and fame
With boylish trust—so soon outgrown—
Were loaded on each fitting flame!
Say, was it the crowning brand,
A star twas the crowning brand,
It had what much after lackeys—
Had much too much after lackeys.

The earnest service of the heart.
And so of all those radiant ships
That one time sped o'er seas of air
And piled up high with golden dreams,
Struck Ag'oe's rock and founders there,
Hung in the sanctum of the soul,
When death came to the sailor's bark,
Alas, remains that joy we knew
And lived when dreaming of the star.
—Philadelphia Times.

LOVE'S REALITY.

Who laughs at love and calls it foolish knows
Not life's real value in great things or small.
Love is true faith, the silencer of woes,
The everyday delight, the little all
Of poverty, a gift so great to those
Or wealth that other treasures, poor and small.

Seem by the glory of its holy flame
That flashes up to heaven, white and tall,
To kiss the stars. Ah, love is great! It came
Not 'fore the sun, but after, just to shame
The world with its own beauty, and
Am strong and beautiful and void of blame,
This gift divine to man—his all in all.
—Maud Andrews in St. Louis Republic.

THIS HORSE CAN COUNT.

There is a grocer doing business not far from the south end of Virginia Avenue who has a horse that is very regular in its habits. He has learned that the bell in engine house No. 8 strikes 12 times every day at noon, and when the hour comes and the horse hears the bell, he turns his ears forward and waits for the boy who always feeds him at that time. The horse will look anxious toward the store and wait a few moments. If the boy does not soon make his appearance, the horse gets tired of waiting and slowly walks to the stable. Every day as soon as the bell rings the first time at noon people near by notice that the horse becomes restless, and, while a few moments before his head was drooping, at the first stroke of the bell his eyes open wide and he takes on an air of close attention.

One day the firemen concluded to try a mean trick on the horse to see how much he really did know about the number of times the bell rang. They pulled the rope that rings the bell 11 times and then stopped. Immediately the horse's eyes closed and his head dropped into the same listless position it had maintained for some time. The boy soon came out and got into the wagon. He drove home and ate his own dinner, but did not take the horse to the stable. On his return he stopped and put the horse in the stable and fed him. The whole matter seemed to be a surprise to the horse, and now the people in the neighborhood firmly believe the horse can count.—Indianapolis Journal.

Malarial Soil.

The opinion is expressed by Dr. Bachman, an accepted authority in such investigations, that the long current belief that the source of malaria is in the air is erroneous. The germ, he says, which is of soil origin, is strictly a protozoa, reaching its highest development in low, moist ground, with a favorable temperature. Surrounded by the proper soil conditions, this protozoa passes from one stage of life into another with considerable rapidity, so that in the present state of experimental knowledge it is impossible to identify it. Further, this protozoa passes through so many forms or stages of life that in some of these stages it is light enough to float and be transported by the moist air of low grounds, but in this state is comparatively harmless, except under extraordinary conditions. Not until the surface water is used does any real mischief begin, when by reason of higher development it has become much more virulent than that floating in the air, and a very short period of incubation is sufficient to develop a severe case of malarial fever in the newcomer who uses the surface water. From personal observation, Dr. Bachman declares that the exclusive use of pure, deep seated water affords entire immunity against malaria in sections of country where no white man would dare to live using the surface water.—New York Tribune.

Evolution of the Microscope.

The microscope has been very slowly evolved and is the creation of no one man. In its present form it is, like a living species according to Darwin, the outcome of the survival of the fittest of which have been discarded. Indeed to one interested in microscopes and familiar with the present model nothing can seem quaintier than the old forms which prevailed during the earlier half of this century and have since become extinct.

In the evolution of the microscope two factors have been dominant, the demand for optical improvements and the demand for mechanical convenience. Both of these demands have been well met, so that there appears little left for the future to achieve until an entirely new direction is opened for further evolution. It need hardly be premised that the optical part is the essential part of a microscope. The optical performance of the best microscopes is today perfect, having become so very slowly by numerous small improvements. Although magnifying glasses were invented, it is said, in the twelfth century, compound microscopes with achromatic lenses have

been in use barely three-quarters of a century, while the introduction of homogeneous immersion lenses dates from 1878, and of the perfected apochromatic lenses from 1886.—Charles Sedgwick Minot in North American Review.

Chinese Diallike of Being Pictured.

In attempting to paint pictures of Chinatown I found it almost impossible to gain the consent of the parents to have their children pose as models for me. I tried in vain for a long time. They always declared that some ill luck would certainly overtake their little ones if their portraits were painted. So strong is this dread that a person coming along the street with a camera creates a panic. frightened mothers, rushing about, seize their children and drag them indoors out of harm's way.

This dislike to being pictured is very general and does not apply only to children, as was impressed upon me on one occasion when I saw one of the most crowded streets in Chinatown suddenly cleared because of a photographer who had placed his camera at one end of the street to take a view. This fear of consequences I found to be so strong that even the poorest would not be tempted by the offer of money. Consequently I had given up when I fortunately found the one exception in my experience in Chinatown. This was a poor woman with four little children and a sick husband to support. She was in great need, and my Chinese servant, after much difficulty, persuaded her for a large payment to let me paint her little girl named Ah Yang.—Theodore Wores in St. Nicholas.

Fate of Two Snakes.

A Forest and Stream correspondent tells a South African snake story. Two snakes were at the bottom of a 60 foot mine shaft. The snakes were each about 10 feet long and one of the most venomous species, known as mambas. Now, miners and 10 foot mambas do not agree very well, and this is especially true when both are at the bottom of a mining shaft. The miners whose claim had been jumped sent a message down to the snakes with orders to come up. The message was a bottle of dynamite with a lighted fuse attached. The snakes obeyed the summons at once. They came up the perpendicular shaft with such speed that they shot up 30 feet above the opening of the shaft. When they came down, they were somewhat mixed. The two tails had in some way got tangled into a square knot, such as sailors tie. The snakes wanted to go in opposite directions, but their efforts were in vain, and they fell to and stung one another to death.

The Forest and Stream does not vouch for this story. It would have been all right to have the snakes blown out of the shaft, but the sailor's knot sent it to the column where the campfires flicker.

Washington's Commission as General.

"In searching the libraries for bankruptcy lore I found in one of the secret journals of the continental congress the act of congress dated June 20, 1775, to 'George Washington, Esq.,' appointing him general and commander in chief of the army of the United Colonies," said Judge L. T. Torrey. "It contains some quaint language—e.g., 'You are to visit at the continental expense all volunteers.'

"It also referred in a patriotic way to our liberties, as follows: 'And whereas, all particular cannot be foreseen, but that many things must be left to your prudence and discreet management as occurrences may arise upon the place or from time to time fall out, you are, therefore, upon all such accidents to use your best circumspection to order and dispose of the said army, making it your special care that the liberties of America receive no detriment.'—Washington Post.

Seeking Information.

A lady riding on a railroad train was quite annoyed by the fixed stare of a long, lank, leathery looking woman sitting just across the aisle. She had piercing black eyes, and she kept them fixed on the lady's face.

Finally the train stopped at a little station, and the keen eyed woman leaned across the aisle, and, laying a hand, ring loud on the lady's arm, said, "Excuse me, ma'am, but kin I ask you a question?"

"Certainly." "Well, I just wanted to know if your complexion is hatchet or if it's one of these inamed kind I've heard of."

"My complexion is natural, madam."

"It is? Well, I'm just sorry to hear it. I was hopin it was one of the inamed kind and that you could tell me where I could git one like it. That's all. Thank you, ma'am," and she resumed her fixed gaze.—Detroit Free Press.

Smallest Republic in Europe.

Neither Andorra nor San Marino can claim to be the smallest independent territory in Europe. That position belongs to Tavolara, an islet off the northwest coast of Sardinia. Its size is three miles long and three quarters of a mile broad, and its population numbers 55 souls. From 1836 to 1882 the islet was governed by one Paolo, who had all the authority of a king, but when he died in the latter year he advised the inhabitants to form a republic, which was done. All the adult islanders, women equally with men, have votes, and every six years a president is elected for that period.—Westminster Gazette.

His Worst Break.

"I reckon the durndest fool trick I ever done," observed Moseley Wrage, who was entertaining his friend Tuford Knott with a few choice reminiscences, "wuz fallen down wuzn't in a dead faint in front of a big building that looked like a fast class s'lloon." "Tuwuz'n a s'lloon at all," continued Moseley Wrage, shaking his head sadly at the recollection. "Hit wuz a water cure."—Chicago Tribune.

The rook is the only bird that repairs his nest in the fall. The same birds use the same nests year after year, and just before migrating they touch up their nests and put them in order for the winter.

Mrs. Celia B. Whitehead is the editor of a new department headed "Woman's Sphere" in the Union County Standard of Westfield, N. J.

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HEALTH IN OLD AGE.

An Old Lady Finds the True Source of Vitality.

A Reporter's Interesting Interview with a Lady of Seventy-two Years, Who Tells a Marvelous Story.

From the Union, Port Jervis, N. Y.

But a short time ago, in a distant part of the country, I heard of a cure by the use of Dr. William's Pink Pills, which seemed almost marvelous, and more recently another substantial evidence of their value reached our ears. Being an inquiring turn of mind, and wishing to know just how much there was in the story, a reporter was sent to interview the person said to be thus benefited. If the narrative as it had reached our ears was true, it was only simple justice to let it be known—if it proved true, it would well to know it.

The person alluded to above as having been greatly benefited by the use of Pink Pills is Mrs. Jane Hotalen, of Hainesville, N. J., a pleasant hamlet in Sussex county, about fifteen miles from this office. The reporter had no difficulty in finding Mrs. Hotalen. It was nearly noon when we reached her pleasant home, a double house, one part of which is occupied by her son. She is a pleasant-faced old lady, looking to be about sixty-five, but in reality seven or two years of age. After a few preliminary remarks in explanation of the call, she was asked if she had any objection to giving us the details of the case, and was told to come to try this now famous remedy.

"Not at all," said she. "If my experience can be of any good to others, I am sure they are welcome to it—it can do me no harm."

"When were you taken sick and what was the nature of the malady?" was asked.

"It was about two years ago. The trouble was rheumatic in character—sciatica, they called it—and it was very painful indeed. The difficulty began in the right leg, and the whole limb, from the hip to the toe, was crippled, causing a great deal of trouble. I suffered intensely from it, and the ordinary treatment gave me not the slightest alleviation. I was under treatment about a month as stated, but grew worse instead of better, and was fast becoming discouraged."

"What brought Pink Pills to your notice?"

"My son called my attention to an article in a paper, in which it was stated that Dr. Winslow's SOOTHING Syrup had been used of MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, with PERFECT SUCCESS. It relieves CHILBLAINS, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLAYS all PAIN; CURES COUGH, & is the best remedy for DIARRHOEA."

"Sir," said the man with the long-tailed coat of shiny appearance, "you said in your issue of the paper this morning that blood flowed like water."

"Well?" asked the wearied editor of the Bugle.

"You are in error, sir—in error. How can blood flow like water when it is a proverbial fact that blood is thicker than water? Answer me that now."

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Alice—Why are you counting the spoons, sis?

Sister—Because P. is who is coming to luncheon to-day, told me that last evening he was souvenirs from your friends' houses.

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The linen shirt waist is to be most conspicuously in vogue, the linen parasol, with its frill of fine embroidery and its silk lining of delicate green or rose, will doubtless oftenest be seen. Yet the simple untrimmed affair of striped cambric or other light material is just as novel and is fast making its way into fashion because of its congruity with the unpretentious costumes of summer morning wear. Even the simplest, however, has silk lining of a harmonizing shade and may have as elaborate a handle as its owner chooses to pay for. Long handles of the always popular dresden, with charming designs in pink and blue, knots of silver or of crystal overlaid with silver, are among the many varieties that may be chosen.

This year the parasol, which seemed a short time since entirely to have outgrown its primal function of screening its possessor from the sun and to have developed into a useless state of flimsiness, appears to have taken a decided step in the direction of usefulness and simplicity.—New York World.

The Perfect Note.

Two things, above all others, betray the inelegant or unaccustomed letter writer. If she be guilty of neglecting the margin at each side of the page, or she so far forgets her precepts as to add a P. S., she is forever doomed. Society is exact in details, and society declares such omission or commission to be the unpardonable sin.

The note, to be correct, must be written upon paper of medium size, preferably cream white, and must be clear and distinct. The monogram is stamped on the paper, or the crest, if one have the right; but upon the inside of the flap of the envelope must be the address. When the writer has borne all these facts in mind and has signed her unabbreviated name, she may rest content, for even the most captious critic will have cause to find fault.—New York Tribune.

Couriers and Interpreters in Spain.

On the platform we were stopped, first by hotel tons, who told us in bad French that we must go with them, and then by interpreters, who said that they could speak German, which was of no possible use to us, or English, which we could hear was no more fluent than our Spanish, and porters, who fought to carry our bags, and customs officers, who wanted to look into them, and of course the most hideous of beggars. J. got rid of the customs officer, and we went outside to find a hotel coach for ourselves. As we did so there mounted to its front seat the most odious of the interpreters, sweet and smiling, and no doubt later at the Roma he claimed a fee for having captured us.—Elizabeth Robine Pennell in Century.

A Kitchen Time Saver.

According to Twentieth Century Cookery, a chef of an up town New York hotel has a novel method of shelving pease. He used an ordinary clothes wringer, and the rapidity with which the work is done is surprising. The pods, as they go between the rollers, burst, passing through to the other side, leaving the pease behind. The first impression one gets is that the pease are likely to get bruised. Such, however, is not the case. As the pods stain the roller, an old one should be used. This seems to offer a very desirable use for old wringers, which have heretofore been a very cumbersome piece of lumber.

A Capable Pulpit Woman.

Rev. Margaret B. Barnard of Chelsea, Mass., having satisfied the committee of the Unitarian ministry, has been recommended to the ministers and churches of the Unitarian denomination. The paper is signed by D. M. Wilson, chairman, and D. W. Morehouse, secretary. Miss Barnard has preached regularly for some time in Chelsea and elsewhere, including Salem and Marblehead. During the past year she has preached in some of the oldest churches in this part of the country. In several cases she was the first woman to occupy these pulpits.—Boston Woman's Journal.

Four Prize Winners.

Miss Clara Langdon of Cincinnati has won the Bryn Mawr European fellowship, and Miss Winifred Warren has won the Mary E. Garrett European fellowship, while Miss Ellen Rose Giles of Philadelphia has gained a graduate scholarship in Semitic languages for next year.

Solid Cookery.

"I made these biscuits myself, Billie," said Mrs. McSwat, with honest pride.

"They look very nice, Lobelia," replied Mr. McSwat, picking one of them up and making an effort to split it.

"And they are still hot. How long ago did you—ah—cast them?"—Chicago Tribune.

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ITEMS AND INCIDENTS.

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Woman's Department.

FARM LIFE.

[By Mary R. Woodward, before Webutuck, Grand Grange.]

Those who read the *Century Magazine* will recall an article giving the results of observations made 10 years ago, of life in what is called "The gray New England cabin." This article is only one of several that have appeared in different publications, all keyed to the same mournful pitch, regarding the decadence of New England, its non-progressive and unprofitable agriculture and the degeneracy of its rural life. While we are not disposed to question the accuracy of those observations made so long ago, it is not taxing our credulity to ask us to believe they are true in their entirety to-day?

In the general advancement of the world New England has not been standing still, and if progress has not been revolutionary, there has been a steady natural evolution in both the life and the thought of the people. Rural New England has made marked progress within the past decade. Farmers have learned the rudimentary principles at least, of scientific agriculture, and farming is no longer land skimming but land culture. The same principle that he applies to the product of his farm, the farmer is learning to apply to his life in general, that is a broader and deeper culture. Furthermore, two factors have of late entered into the problems of rural life, that have direct bearing upon their solution; these are the agricultural college and the school of Patrons of Husbandry. Until these two institutions came into existence, our educational influences all tended to lead our boys and girls away from the farms, and this tendency was further strengthened by the press, the mind and the literature of the day, all reflecting, leading to and centering in the town or city. The influence of the agricultural college depended largely upon the future for its best results; it could educate the boys and girls of the farm, but there were two or three generations back of these, with a longer line of hereditary and traditional influences to overcome.

To meet these conditions the Grange was organized, and while it has existed more than a quarter of a century, it has only within the past ten years come to be a palpable influence in New England. Under its stimulus, quickened by the efforts of men like Wurster, its forces have applied scientific methods, and New England agriculture is developing undreamed of possibilities.

The "bleak and barren" hillsides are producing not only the crops of our fathers in increasing ratio, but food supplies they rarely or never tasted in a former abundance, and variety of fruits and vegetables, that take away from the master's table the reproach of scanty and unwholesome fare. But the Grange has not only promoted a more progressive agriculture, and thus made possible more comforts and refinements of life, but has brought the scattered families together in more frequent social intercourse that broadens rural life, and counteracts the baneful influence of monotonous isolation from the rest of the world.

As a larger life becomes possible, the farmer is learning to increase the comforts and attractions of his home, and as a result of improved surroundings there is scarcely a farming community so retired that it is not infested—I had almost said infested—by summer boarders, bringing the life of town into closer touch with the country, to the manifest benefit of both.

Wall Street and Fifth Avenue are interesting in our "worn out" farms, and men and women are turning their backs on Kansas and Idaho to settle on New England soil. It has too long been a fashionable "fad" to mourn over the decadence of New England and the abandoned farms, and it is time to lay aside the weeds of mourning, and find our sympathies to the mortgaged-spared West, where abandoned claims outnumber our own, and where the cultural depression has depths New England has never known.

It is asserted that the church is being deserted by the farmer. Country clergymen have repeatedly testified to the decline of church life, resultant from the organization of a Grange in the community, and many a Christian Endeavor society feels the benefit of having members who have been trained to think and work in the Grange hall.

But aside from this, the farmer no longer finds all his spiritual and intellectual needs supplied by the pulpit, and he longer keeps his religion for exclusive Sunday use, to be put off and on with the week as on Sunday.

Then the increase of the foreign element is another disturbing factor in the trials of our literary Jeremiads, but if we must have the foreigner in our land, it is better to scatter him over our country, and let him expend his energies in pulling out the rocks, rather than pull up in cities where amid unwholesome surroundings he is likely to develop an anarchistic or socialistic crank? However, if we make proper provision for shutting out the paupers and criminals, and then educate the remainder in American principles, why need we our souls with the problem of the South Canadian or the Irish emigrant.

John E. Bean, Executor of the last will of John E. Bean, of Mount Vernon, in which he had been named, having paid a third account as Executor of said estate.

That notice thereof to the magazine articles above referred to a doleful picture is drawn of the unmannered women in the decaying New England communities, then to be held at Augusta, and so, if any, why should not the

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COLLECTORS' NOTICES.

Mr. C. S. AYER, our Agent, is now calling
upon all his friends to call upon him.
Mr. J. W. KELLOGG is now calling upon our
subscribers in Hancock county.The Senate passed the river and har-
bor bill over the President's veto, and it
is now a law. Only five Senators voted
against the measure.For the first time in the history of the
Pacific Northwest, a Populist has been
sent to the lower House of Congress.
Oregon supplies him. His name is
Vanderburg of Marshfield, Coos county.Colorado talks for silver, but goes on
digging for gold with a degree of energy
that is worth more to the State than any-
thing else that has operated in its favor
for many years.The plant of the Portsmouth company
at South Berwick is soon to be started
up in full after a shut-down of two
years, parties in that vicinity having
leased the mills for the purpose of man-
ufacturing fine dress goods. This is
good news to people in that vicinity.Fish Commissioner Carleton, recently
appointed to that responsible position,
seems to be showing his credentials in a
most effective manner. He is after the
poachers with a sharp stick, and they are
fast becoming convinced that the fish
and game laws of the State are loaded!The houses of the people are becoming
regulated; after the serious house-
cleaning epidemic. The motto, "God
Bless our Home," after standing bottom
side up among the debris, has been
brushed and polished and hung upon
the walls again.We have received from George A.
Wheeler, chairman of the committee of
arrangements, a cordial invitation to
participate in the one-hundredth anni-
versary of the incorporation of the town of
Castine, which occurs on the 9th of
July. It will be a grand event in the
history of the old town.The Maine Central for the present
month will be a fine number to circulate
at the great political convention in St.
Louis. Besides the best of illustrations,
it has a running history and description of
the State of Maine. How eagerly it will
be seized upon by the visitors at the great
Western city.Our correspondent, Mr. H. G. Abbott
of Vassalboro, has sent us the picture of
a horse of his own invention, which
he has used for four years with the best
results, as his neighbors will testify. It
is the attachment that he claims, which
can be connected with any old horse
cultivator costing only about a dollar,
and doing the work of twenty men, and
not a weed escapes it if the weeds are
kept down in season. Two inches, or
less, is deep enough. A patent is ap-
plied for.The foreign office at Berlin has issued
a communication to the press in regard
to the malpractices indulged in by the
American tinned meat importers in Bel-
gium and Holland, who are alleged to be
tampering with the cans and sending to
Germany under forged declarations,
meats not certified to by American in-
spectors. As a consequence of this practice,
restrictions are ordered which affect all
American exporters of meats. The
Deutsche Fleischer Zeitung makes a
vicious attack upon the American lard
product, which, the paper asserts, is re-
finned chiefly with cotton seed oil.The recent death of George W. Latimer
of Lynn, Mass., vividly recalls the days
of slavery. He was the first fugitive
slave hunted down in Massachusetts,
his arrest and incarceration taking place in
1842. The case aroused the latent
anti-slavery sentiment of the State, and
it was brought to fever heat of the arrest
and return to slavery of Anthony Burns,
a few years later. Lynn and Salem were
centers of this righteous feeling, and afterward became important
stations of the "underground railroad"
to Canada, by which many dusky fugi-
tives were spirited away.Atwood Davis, the well known crop
statistician, declares that the current re-
ports that the world is full of wheat and
that Europe will produce this year 100
millions of bushels more than in 1895, is
absurd. He sums up the present condi-
tions as follows: Drought has prevailed
to a damaging extent in Western Central
Europe except in Belgium and France.
Russia's spring wheat will not be a full
crop. India's wheat crop will be defi-
cient one-third. The South African crop
is but half what it was last year. North
Africa was visited with a destructive
drought. The South American crop is
below last year's average. Canada's
crop is poor, with a reduced acreage,
and in the United States, except in the
Pacific Coast States, there is a great de-
cline in the conditions of wheat.On Saturday the Portland Daily Press
published a very creditable Pine Tree
State edition, the preparation of which
has been in hand for some time. In its
pages we find a very complete showing
of the varied business interests of Maine
and the brilliant record made by her
sons in national affairs. The general
survey of Maine's resources has been
prepared by gentlemen eminently qualified
for the task, who have given it great
care and attention. Maine's magnificent
water power, its exceptional opportuni-
ties for manufacturing, its picturesque
scenery, its splendid summer climate,
and the exhaustless attractions it offers
to the sportsman and tourist are set
forth and portrayed with much com-
pleteness.

BLEEDING ARMENIA.

Success of the Maine Division, Patriarchs
Militant, Field Day, at Rockland, June 3, 4
and 5.

Wednesday.

Every business block in the city and
hundreds of residences were alive with
decorations, flags and bunting, Wednes-
day night. The streets were thronged
with uniformed men, members of the
many cantons of the State who were to at-
tend the annual field day of the Patri-
archs Militant.The Gardiner Canton arrived on the
noon train and the Skowhegan Chevaliers
on the afternoon. The steamer *Cimbra*
from Bangor arrived at 7:30 P. M., bring-
ing members from Bangor, Houlton, Canton
Warbosses of Fort Fairfield, Canton
Columbia of Presque Isle, Canton
Pallas of Belfast, Canton Halifax of
Waterville, and the Houlton, Fort Fair-
field and Belfast bands.They were met at the wharf by Canton
Athletes and escorted to Odd Fellows'
Hall.The annual meeting of the Department
Council was held, Wednesday evening, at
Odd Fellows' Hall. The election of offi-
cials resulted as follows: President, Gen.
J. L. Small of Biddeford; Vice Presi-
dent, Col. E. W. Berry of Rockland; As-
sistant Adjutant General, Maj. C. L.
Bachelder of Saco; Treasurer, Major G.
N. Waymouth of Biddeford.It was voted to hold the next Council
meeting and Field Day in Skowhegan,
with Canton Somerset, on the second
Wednesday and Thursday in June, 1897.

Thursday.

At 10 o'clock the Cantons already ar-
rived, marched from Canton Lafayette
Hall to the depot, and on arrival of the
10:40 train the procession was formed as
follows:Colonel of Police: Brig. Gen. Jos. H.
Small, Department Commander of Maine
and St. Louis' Belfast Band; First Regiment,
Canton Womans, Lewiston; Canton J.
Second Division—Col. E. W. Berry and
Staff of Field Officers: First Battalion,
Rockport Band; Canton Belfast, Canton
Bangor, Canton Lafayette of Rockland,
Canton Vinhalen.Second Battalion—Houlton Band; Can-
ton Augusta, Canton Evergreen of Gardi-
ner, Canton Halifax of Waterville, Canton
Somerset of Skowhegan.Third Battalion—Fort Fairfield Band,
Canton Calais, Canton Wabico, Canton
Colombia, Canton Houlton, Mayon and
Members of the City government in Car-
riages.After marching through the principal
streets, the Cantons embarked at 1 on a
special steamer for Crescent beach, where
a fish dinner was served. There were
nearly 500 men in line.The grand ball given in Elmwood Hall,
in the evening, by Canton Lafayette, was
one of the most brilliant social events
ever held in Rockland. Over 100 couples
were on the floor.

Death of Tobias Lord.

We are pained to record the suicide of
Hon. Tobias Lord of Steep Falls, Standish,
that occurred in that town, Monday.
He was a leading and respected citizen
of the town, but we understand that
he had been disarmed by the Imperial
Government in preparation for this
whole robbery, outrage and slaughter,
Christian women and children were
hunted like wild beasts, after the loss of
their fathers, husbands and brothers,
to be decapitated or deformed for life, be-
fore their broken-hearted mothers.In another place the most attractive
women of the place were promised to be
spared if they would deny their faith,
but pointing to the dead bodies of their
fathers, husbands and brothers before
them, they replied:"Why should we deny Christ? We
are not better than they! Kill us, too!"So they shared the same shameful fate
of thousands of Christian women and
girls of Armenia.Their natural defenders having been
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KENNEBEC COUNTY NEWS.

Principal Bowmen of the Waterville school declines a reelection.

The Superior Court is in session at

commencement exercises are in

the rate per cent. for taxes in

ingdale for 1896 will be 10% milles,

the year was 11%.

The Kennebec County Convention of

society of Christian Endeavor will

be held June 20th, at South China.

Waterville is very much pleased

with the prospects of having a new city

hall. The barn of H. R. Butterfield at

Waterville was destroyed by fire, Thurs-

day evening. Charles Bailey of South Windham with quite a serious accident, Sun-

morning. He fell through the

house floor, breaking three ribs,

receiving internal injuries.

At the last meeting of Vassalboro

reg. P. of H., No. 322, the third and

four degrees were conferred upon 11

dates and three applications were

made.

The largest cargo of ice ever taken

at a port of the river was loaded in

last week. One of the big barges

and 1000 tons—a half dozen cargo

ordinary schooner.

Mr. J. D. Randall of Vassalboro

brought into this office a curiosity

of wood—one of pieces of woodbine

laid around each other, like twine

intertwining. It will make

an ornament.

Mrs. Catherine Rogers, wife of J. E.

Commissioner Carleton, on complaint

of Commissioner Carleton, for catch-

ing in one of the streams flowing

into Lake Maranacook.

After a full day's work they were

found guilty of killing 10 trout, and fined \$25 each.

At the regular meeting of the City

Governor in Waterville, an order was

passed that the city erect a new city

hall, and that the cost of its construction of five was appointed to

the other similar buildings, and ad-

vised for plans, and make a report at

the annual meeting of the City Gover-

nors to be held June 17th. The order

provides for a raised floor.

had accident befall a Gardiner boy

Elbridge, at the children's exer-

cise at Maranacook, Saturday. Young

was on the point of jumping

one of the swings at the lake, when

he took his jump to the ground he

struck an adjacent swing, spraining

member. A doctor was summoned

and said that, although the accident

was not a severe one, the patient would

have to be laid up for some time.

What came near proving a fatal

accident occurred at South Gardiner Saturday

noon. At 5 o'clock the first wa-

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on the roof doing the business. The

fire company did the best they could

to put it out. The blaze took place the same as the

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pitch which had been blown out by

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He fell on the flats, bruising him-

self, and it is feared that he is injuriously

injured.

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Three days' rain, watering the grass

earth, how much we all appreciate it!

Items of Maine News.

L. F. Hodgkin was appointed Post-

master at Milo Junction, Saturday.

Houston will celebrate the glorious

Forth on a grand scale.

The body of Edward Rand, drowned

during the March freshet, was found on Monday, at Wolf's Island, Buxton.

Charles Prout, the man arrested for

blowing up the House with dynamite,

has been discharged.

S. H. Gould, one of the wealthiest

citizens of Kennebunkport, died Wed-

nesday.

Patents have been granted to William G. Washburn of Thomaston, for a garment supporter, and John W. Barnes of Rockland for a station indicator.

At a meeting of the Auburn School Board, Wednesday evening, W. C. Wood was re-

elected superintendent of schools at a salary of \$1500, and J. F. Moodie was re-

elected principal of the High school.

Oliver L. Hall, local editor of the

Rockland Star, and Miss Agnes Marie

Bunker of Bar Harbor, were united in

marriage at St. Savior's church, Bar Harbor, Wednesday.

On petition of several citizens, the Bel-

fast city government has created the

office of milk inspector, and has elected

Dr. Frank E. Freeman to the office. The

salary has been fixed at \$100 for the first

year.

Kelley, Spear & Company, Bath ship-

builders, closed a contract, Saturday, to

build a 1200 ton barge for New York par-

ties, which will give employment to about

75 ship carpenters for about three months.

Preparations are going rapidly for

the grand celebration to be held at Tenant's Harbor, July 4th, under the auspices of St. George Lodge, No. 132, I. O. O. F. The boys are sparing

no pains or labor to make this the event

of the decade in St. George.

Edward H. Elwell, reporter of the

Kennebec Journal, died at Weld pond, at

midnight, Monday, of Bright's disease.

He was 28 years of age and is survived by

a mother, two sisters and two brothers, one of whom is Dr. Elwell of the Togus Home.

Burglars broke into the Maine Central

station at Danville Junction, Monday night. Entrance was made through the summer waiting room and thence

through the ticket window to the office.

One ticket case and a money drawer

were opened and about \$3 in cash taken.

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they had been awarded the government

contract to manufacture over 19,000

shawls. This is good news to the com-

pany and to Harland people generally.

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eratives.

Mrs. Jane Barrett, an old lady who

lived alone in the west part of Carthage,

was found burned to death in her house,

Saturday. Quite a large hole was burned

through the floor in front of the stove

and it is supposed that while putting out

this fire her clothing caught fire and she

was burned to death.

The Maine Sardine Co. has been orga-

nized at Eastport, for the purpose of

buying and selling American sardines

and other fish products or any articles

that may enter into their manufacture,

with \$10,000 capital stock, of which \$4

is paid in. President, Eben A. Holmes;

Treasurer, George Hayes.

The landlocked salmon with which

Jones pond, West Gouldsboro, was

stocked a few weeks ago, are just begin-

ning to show themselves. There have

been several caught this spring, some of

them being eighteen inches long.

Fishermen say they can catch four or

five salmon to the trout.

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Miss Sarah Orne Jewett has hired the

South Berwick Cadet band to give open

air concerts on the square this season,

and the first concert was given last evening,

the streets being crowded.

Poetry.

THE SPHINX OF THE WHITE HILLS.

Nature's grand sphinx art thou, O man of
With face colosal graving from thy throne;
Not as the fabled monster, stern and cold,
Though in wild majesty thou reign'st alone,
But set in splendid spheres

Of flame when morn appears,
Sublime for eve, unrivaled and world-old!

No iron circlet shall thy brow offend,—
Dawn's royal robe shall trailing splendor
lead,

And flaming leaves their golden glory show,
And light ineffable around thy forehead
blend;

Thy startling beauty free
Forever more shall be.

White silver fountains sing far, below.

Tell me, worlding, that you granite face,
Pattered by God, shall crumble from its
place—

That figure spanned by Eden's dazzling
light!

Worshipped with awe by earliest unknown
race,

When Spring's first breath was blown
Where holy flowers shone,

And starry lamps were hung o'er Chaos
night!

Moulded mute offspring from the solid rock;
Man's art with rugged grandeur s'erto mock

With pulseless heart, yet speaking ever
more

Of peace, of perfect rest;

Soothing each troubled breast

While light in satin sandals hovers o'er.

SAILING AWAY.

Sailing away with the wind abeam,
And the wide, wide sea before!

Sailing away in a lover's dream
To the port of the golden shore;

Edie hands on the rudder bands,
Hope in the sunrise fair,

And hearts as light as the sea-bird white
Afloat in the morning air.

Lovel in the dawn of that far-off time,
Did you guess of the weary way?

Dearest! when life seemed a summer rhyme,
Could we tell where we went astray?

Silens tears through the coming years,
Darkness for you and me,

And doubt and dread of the winds ahead
Felt chill as we sailed asea.

Sailing ashore with a wanling wind
On the deck of a sleek, smooth ship,

With the glow of the deep behind
For the light of the other side;

Loosen hands from the rudder band!

Ah! to the margin foam

Comes breath of land o'er the golden sand,

Oh! sweet is our welcome home!

Our Story Teller.

HIS FIRST FIGHT.

A friend of mine, a soldier, who died
In Greece of fever some years since, de-
scribed to me one day his first engage-
ment. His story so impressed me that I
wrote it down from memory. It was as
follows:

I joined my regiment on Sept. 4. It
was evening. I found the colonel in the
camp. He received me rather brusquely,
but having read the general's intro-
ductory letter he changed his manner
and addressed me courteously.

By him I was presented to my cap-
tain, who had just come in from recon-
noitering. This captain, whose acquaint-
ance I had scarcely time to make, was
a tall, dark man of harsh, repelling ap-
pearance. He had been a private soldier and
had won his cross and epaulets upon
the field of battle. His voice, which was
hoarse and feeble, contrasted strangely
with his gigantic stature. This voice of
his he owed, as I was told, to a bullet
which had passed completely through
his body at the battle of Jena.

On learning that I had just come from
college at Fontainebleau, he remarked
with a wry face, "My lieutenant died
last night."

I understood what he implied—"It is
for you to take his place, and you are
good for nothing."

A sharp retort was on my tongue, but
I restrained it.

The moon was rising behind the re-
doubt of Cheverino, which stood two
canons shot from our encampment.
The moon was large and red, as is com-
mon at her rising, but that night she
seemed to me of extraordinary size. For
an instant the redoubt stood out coal
black against the glittering disk. It re-
sembled the cone of a volcano at the mo-
ment of eruption.

An old soldier at whose side I found
myself observed the color of the moon.

"She is very red," he said. "It is a
sign that it will cost us dear to win this
wonderful redoubt."

I was always superstitious, and this
piece of augury, coming at that mo-
ment, troubled me. I sought my couch,
but could not sleep. I rose and walked
about awhile, watching the long line of
fires upon the heights beyond the village
of Cheverino.

When the sharp night air had thor-
oughly refreshed my blood, I went back
to the fire. I rolled my mantle round
me, and I shut my eyes, trusting not to
open them till daybreak. But sleep re-
fused to visit me. Insensibly my
thoughts grew doleful. I told myself
that I had not a friend among the 100,-
000 men who filled that plain. If I
were wounded, I should be placed in
hospital in the hands of ignorant and
careless surgeons. I called to mind what
I had heard of operations. My heart
beat violently, and I mechanically ar-
ranged as a kind of rude emirass my
handkerchief and pocketbook upon my
breast. Then, overpowered with weariness,
my eyes closed drowsily, only to
open the next instant with a start at
some new thought of horror.

Fatigue, however, at last gained the
day. When the drum beat at daybreak,
I was fast asleep. We were drawn up in
ranks. The roll was called, then we
stacked our arms, and everything an-
nounced that we should pass another
uneventful day.

But about 8 o'clock an aid-de-camp
arrived with orders. We were com-
manded to take arms.

Our sharpshooters marched into the
plain. We followed slowly, and in 20
minutes we saw the outposts of the
Russians falling back and entering the
redoubt. We had a battery of artillery
on our right, another on our left, but
both some distance in advance of us.
They opened a sharp fire upon the ene-
my, who returned it briskly, and the
redoubt of Cheverino was soon concealed
by volumes of thick smoke. Our regi-
ment was almost covered from the Rus-
sians' fire by a piece of rising ground.
Their bullets which besides were rarely
aimed at us, for they preferred to fire
upon our cannoneers) whistled over us
or at worst knocked up a shower of
earth and stones.

Just as the order to advance was given,
the captain looked at me intently. I
stroked my sprouting mustache with an
air of unconcern. In truth, I was not

frightened and only dreaded lest I might
be thought so. These passing bullets
aided my heroic coolness, while my self
respect assured me that the danger was
a real one, since I was veritably under
fire. I was delighted at my self pos-
session and already looked forward to the
pleasure of describing in Parisian draw-
ing rooms the capture of the redoubt of
Cheverino.

The colonel passed before our com-
pany. "Well," said to me, "you are
going to see war work in your first ac-
tion."

I gave a martial smile and brushed
off my cuff, on which a bullet which
had struck the earth at 30 paces distant
had cast a little dust.

It appeared that the Russians had dis-
covered that their bullets did no harm,
for they replaced them by a fire of shells,
which began to reach us in the hollows
where we lay. One of these in its explosion
knocked off my shako and killed a man beside me.

"I congratulate you," said the cap-
tain as I picked up my shako. "You are
safe now for the day."

I knew the military opposition
which believes that the axiom, "non bis
in idem" is as applicable to the battle-
field as to the courts of justice. I re-
placed my shako with a swagger.

"That's a rude way to make one raise
one's hat," I said as lightly as I could.
And this wretched piece of wit was, in
the circumstances, received as excellent.

"I compliment you," said the cap-
tain. "You will command a company
tonight, for I shall not survive the day.
Every time I have been wounded the
officer below me has been touched by
some spent ball, and," he added in a
lower tone, "all the names begin with P."

I laughed skeptically. Most people
would have done the same, but most
would also have been struck, as I was,
by these prophetic words. But, con-
script though I was, I felt that I could
trust my thoughts to no one, and that it
was my duty to seem always calm and
bold.

At the end of half an hour the Rus-
sian fire had sensibly diminished. We
left our cover to advance on the re-
doubt.

Our regiment was composed of three
battalions. The second had to take the
enemy in flank. The two others formed
the storming party. I was in the third.

Issuing from behind the cover we
were received by several volleys, which
did but little harm. The whistling of
the balls amazed me. "But after all,"
I thought, "a battle is less terrible than I
expected."

We advanced at a smart run, our
musketeers in front.

All at once the Russians uttered three
hurrahs, three distinct hurrahs, and then
stood silent without firing.

"I don't like that silence," said the
captain. "It bodes no good."

I began to think our people were too
eager. I could not help comparing,
mentally, their shouts and clamors with
the striking silence of the enemy.

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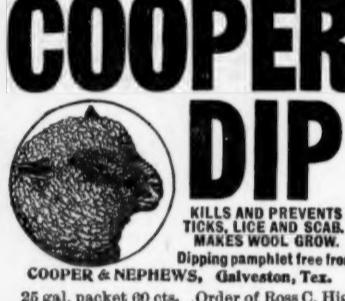
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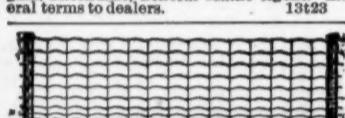
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Apr 30-96 tf

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